

INDIANA EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (IERC) MEETING
Indiana Government Center South
302 West Washington Street
Indianapolis, Indiana
January 9, 2012 1:00 P.M.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Chairman Mike Garvey of the IERC welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL TO ORDER

Mike Garvey – IDHS
Sherman Greer – Local Government
J. Eddie Goff – Public Representative
James Pridgen – Industry Representative

Bruce Palin – IDEM
James Greeson – State Representative
Dean Larson – Public Representative

The following Commission members were absent:

Carol Shelby – Public Representative
Brent Johnson - State Representative
Brian Lott – Local Government

Roger Powers – Local Government
Shawn French – Industry Representative

The following staff members were present:

John Steel – IDHS
Laura Steadham – IDEM

Mara Snyder - IDHS
Ian Ewusi – IDHS/IDEM

The following members of the audience were present:

Jeff Larmore – Marion County
Joe Wainscott – IDHS

Jim Plum – Jefferson County
Pam Thevenow – Marion County

QUORUM

LEPC Coordinator indicated a quorum was present

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

A motion to approve and adopt the minutes from the November 14, 2011, meeting was made by Mr. Pridgen and seconded by Mr. Greer. **MOTION CARRIED**

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chairman Garvey provided a status of the Super Bowl Planning and had Mara Snyder on Senate Bill 255 that is currently going through the Indiana Legislature. This bill would allow un-obligated LEPC funds to augment the IERC budget that would allow supporting active LEPCs to work with neighboring inactive LEPCs. Chairman Garvey and Ms. Snyder will be at the bill hearing on January 10, 2012.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications Committee—Sherman Greer, Chair

Mr. Greer discussed the upcoming Indiana Emergency Response Conference to be held in Indianapolis, September 2012. What will be the draft agenda and proposed topics and speakers.

Topics include;

- CAMEO
- HSEEP
- LEPC Updates, and
- An actual response to a chemical fire in Waxachie Texas.

Mr. Greer and IERC Staff will be working over the next few months to develop the IERC/LEPC portion of the conference.

Mr. Greer also, recommended changing the September IERC meeting to be moved from Monday September 10th to the following Friday September 14.

Budget estimates available at the March IERC meeting. There will be budgets for supporting the conference and training opportunities, such as travel and LEPC awards.

Mr. Greer also presented suggestions for designs for an IERC logo and requested comment back from the commission members.

Mr. Larson added that he is planning to conduct a CEM test that week, and asked for a room to be set up in the Indiana Government Center.

Mr. Greer concluded, that it is shameful for the commission member's attendance at IERC supported conferences, and encouraged commission members to show up and participate at these events.

Policy/Technical Committee—James Pridgen/Dean Larson, Co-Chairs

Mr. Pridgen reported on a meeting with the Monroe county LEPC and discussion on them conducting a commodity flow study.

Mr. Larson added that the IERC should sponsor should cover the cost of students in higher education to attend one day of this conference. Eddie Goff added that this should include students in high school public safety programs. Ms. Snyder concluded that IERC funds may be used for this.

Mr. Larson made a motion, second by Mr. Pridgen, **MOTION CARRIED**

Training Committee—Brian Lott, Chair

No Report

Fiscal Committee—Bruce Palin, Chair

Mr. Palin reported that the fiscal committees have not met, but was working on the budget and spending plan.

Mr. Larson made a motion to accept committee reports, second by Mr. Goff. **MOTION CARRIED**

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on holding the March 2012 IERC meeting at the Bloomington Township Fire Department, Mr. Larson made a motion to hold the meeting off site, second by Mr. Greer, **MOTION CARRIED**

With the September 2012 IERC meeting the same week of the Indiana Emergency Response Commission, it was discussed on holding the meeting on Friday September 14, 2012, the same day of the conference. Mr. Pridgen made a motion to move the meeting, second by Mr. Larson, **MOTION CARRIED**

In regards to Elkhart County dispute between the EMA and LEPC, Mr. Ewusi has been working with them to include the EMA on the LEPC roster. He proposed that the deputy director of the EMA apply for membership to the LEPC and both organizations were receptive to this. A letter will be sent to both entities, on that the IERC can appoint, but would prefer that the LEPC handle this at the local level. No further action is required on this matter.

REPORT OF THE FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

Activity Report;

- Attended Hendricks County LEPC exercise
- Addressed issues with the Washington and Orange County LEPC separation, letter has been received
- LEPC plan review, plans are annually submitted and reviewed based on the 9 planning elements. Letters or e-mail notifications of plan updates are not acceptable
- Conducted 2 CAMEO trainings in Miami and Sullivan County's
- Tier II workshops are ongoing with 45 or more people participating. Looking at using webinars more to conduct Tier II training, and the next class will be held in Jackson County.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER APPROVALS

Mr. Ewusi reported that the following 8 counties had submitted new or updated rosters for approval:

Delaware Grant Hancock Marshall Monroe Pulaski Tippecanoe
Washington

Mr. Larson made a motion to approve the rosters and was seconded by Mr. Palin. **MOTION CARRIED.**

LEPC COMMENTS

Jim Plum of the Jefferson County LEPC reported that he attended the Tier II training held earlier in the day and complimented the class. Mr. Plum continued with concerns on how HMEP funds are being distributed and how they are utilized. He added notices initially sent to the districts, not the LEPCs, that HMEP funds would be used to start statewide training.

Mr. Plum concluded that January 2012, OSHA will be changing their communications over to the Global Harmonization and OSHA will publish changes right after that.

EPA COMMENTS

No Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Report

NEXT MEETING

March 12, 2012, 1:00pm
Bloomington Township Fire Department
Bloomington, Indiana

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:04 P.M.

Michael Garvey, Chair